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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON EMBASSY NICOSIA

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1. I CALLED ON CHRISTOPHIDES AT FOREIGN MINISTRY 1645 HOURS LOCAL AND DELIVERED MESSAGE PER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. CHRISTOPHIDES PLEDGED THAT GOC WOULD DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO PROTECT EMBASSY AGAINST MOB ACTION. HE EXTENDED OFFICIAL APOLOGIES OF GOVERNMENT FOR EVENTS OF THIS AFTERNOON, DESCRIBING THEM AS MOST REGRETABLE.

3. I UNDERLINED EXTREMELY SERIOUS CONCERN WITH WHICH USG VIEWED VIRTUALLY UNRESTRAINED ATTACK AGAINST EMBASSY PREMISES, DESCRIBING FOR CHRISTOPHIDES INDIFFERENCE OF POLICE. I SAID THAT NATIONAL GUARD, WHEN IT FINALLY ARRIVED, HAD DONE SOMEWHAT BETTER JOB BUT THAT HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR ARRIVAL OF UNFICYP ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, I DOUBTED WHETHER MOB WOULD HAVE BEEN DETERRED FROM SETTING ENTIRE BUILDING ON FIRE. I TOLD CHRISTOPHIDES THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE CONTINUOUS AND FULL NATIONAL GUARD PROTECTION AROUND EMBASSY AND, FURTHER, DEMANDED THAT NATIONAL GUARD BE GIVEN SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO ACT VIGOROUSLY AGAINST ANY MOB ACTION.

4. CHRISTOPHIDES ACCEPTED MY CRITICISM OF NATIONAL POLICE

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MATTER OF FACTLY, POINTING OUT WELL KNOWN FACT THAT POLICE

ARE DEMORALIZED, LEADERLESS AND FACTIONALIZED AS RESULT OF
JULY 15 AND AFTERMATH.

5. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED SECRETARY'S
MESSAGE, PASSED THROUGH AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU, AND HAD
INFORMED PRESIDENT MAKARIOS OF ITS CONTENTS. CHRISTOPHIDES
CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HIS BEATITUDE WISHED SECRETARY TO
KNOW THAT CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS ASIDE, GOC WOULD DO EVERYTHING
WITHIN ITS POWER TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF AMERICAN EMBASSY
PERSONNEL.
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